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Kind Applauds SeniorCare Extension

Imperative Remains for Congress to Improve Medicare Rx Benefit

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) released the following statement today regarding Governor Doyle's announcement that SeniorCare will be extended through June 30, 2007, and Wisconsin senior citizens can choose to stay in the state drug program without penalization. In May, Rep. Kind sent a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt, touting SeniorCare's success and arguing that seniors save more under SeniorCare than with the new Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

"Knowing that SeniorCare is a better deal for the majority of Wisconsin seniors than the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, I am pleased that the program will continue to be available to them without penalty for at least another year and a half. I remain very concerned that the soon-to-be offered federal drug benefit, which lacks basic cost control measures to address skyrocketing drug costs, contains fundamental flaws that will end up costing seniors more. It is imperative that Congress acts to improve the Medicare prescription drug law before the waiver expires, otherwise Wisconsin seniors will be forced to pay more for their prescription drugs than they do today."